



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**COOPERATIVE MONTH**  
OCTOBER 2005

**WHEREAS**, through the cooperative form of business, Americans from every walk of life and every economic condition participate in our free enterprise system; and

**WHEREAS**, the lives of more than 120 million Americans are improved by more than 40,000 cooperative private businesses that generate \$100 billion in annual economic activity; and

**WHEREAS**, through cooperatives, people achieve together what they could not accomplish alone, meeting their common social, cultural and economic aspirations through a jointly-owned, democratically-controlled enterprise; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Congress, by law, confirmed cooperatives' role in the mainstream of American business, and today, cooperative businesses are an important part of our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota cooperatives generate significant income, employment and revenue, and function as engines of economic growth for local communities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2005, **COOPERATIVE MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State